

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

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~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~ Field of the Invention

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~~BACKGROUND ART~~ Description of Related Art

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~~PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Please insert the following section headings and paragraphs on page 8, before the heading "BEST MODE FOR.....":

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 a perspective view of a sock according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2A a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing an instep side;

Fig. 2B a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, seen from a tip side of a toe housing portion;

Fig. 2C a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing a sole side;

Fig. 2D a schematic side illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock;

Fig. 3 an illustration of a state of change at inversion positions;

Fig. 4 a perspective view of a sock according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 5A a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing an instep side;

Fig. 5B a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, seen from a tip side of a toe housing portion;

Fig. 5C a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing a sole side;

Fig. 5D a schematic side illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock;

Fig. 6 a view of a knitting texture for illustrating the connection portion of a product of the present invention;

Fig. 7 a view of a knitting texture for illustrating a connecting portion of a conventional product;

Fig. 8 a perspective view of a conventional sock;

Fig. 9A a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing an instep side;

Fig. 9B a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, seen from a tip side of a toe housing portion; and

Fig. 9C a schematic illustration of a knitting state of the above described sock, showing a sole side.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION --

Please DELETE on pages 23, 24 and 25, the section entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS", paragraph [0063] in its entirety.

Please DELETE on page 25 the section entitled "DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCE NUMERALS AND SIGNS" [0064] in its entirety.